

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson
Tim Ochnikowski, Director
January 12, 2015

MINUTES

St. John's Properties
1800 N. Prospect Ave
1:00 PM

ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the January meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:10pm.

Mr. Ochnikowski is unavailable due to several meetings in the courthouse.

ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of those present. Commissioners present for the meeting of the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities were:

Deb Falk-Palec
John Haupt
Tom Jacobs
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Cheri Mc Grath
Susan Pickering
Don Richards
Meg Steimle
Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki
Kathryn Zalewski

Absent or Excused:

Luis Arroyo
Denise Koss
Barbara Leigh

Staff:

Mike Bonk

Guests:

Tracy Harrington, MTS

ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December)

Commissioner McGrath moved approval of the minutes. Chair Falk-Palec accepted the minutes as approved.

ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Ms. Harrington reviewed the zoo interchange litigation. The three new routes to New Berlin, Germantown and Menomonee Falls will be starting on January 18. Some individuals who are in the IRIS program received a letter, not from MCTS, with some incorrect information. A letter will be sent out from MCTS with correct information. Staff are evaluating the taxi RFP responses. Discussion took place.

ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioner Steimle indicated that there was a Wil-O-Way Committee meeting prior to the full commission meeting today. Discussion included the RFP for recreation programming for 2016-2018., the renovations planned at Underwood and the projects planned in 2015.

ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (December)

In addition to the report in the packet, Mr. Bonk indicated that the January flyer for office's awareness campaign for January through July of 2015 that highlights the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was printed and distributed. The two lessee's (Goodwill at Underwood and Adult Day Services at Grant) are in the process of moving into the facilities. The renovation project at Underwood was reviewed.



ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Bonk reviewed the upcoming snowmobile fest, the accessible path at the Boerner Botanical Gardens as well as working with them on programming for people with disabilities, the Bucks game that took place on 12-13-14 with Easter Seals, and the idea of inviting mascots (Bango, Roscoe, etc) to visit the summer camps.

Chair Falk-Palec announced the official retirement of Commissioner Richards from the commission. The commissioner has served on this body since 1988. Following the meeting there will be a gathering to celebrate the retirement.

ITEM IX OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner McGrath indicated that the Audio Braille Library will be celebrating the 50th anniversary on May 13. On September 29 there will be a fundraiser. More details to come soon.

ITEM X OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**ITEM XI ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:00pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, February 9, 2015 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee).

Submitted by: Mike Bonk & Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission